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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARABIA.

Report from Maskat—Fatal plague case from steamship Agrica from the Persian Gulf.

Vice and Deputy Consul Fazel reports, April 19:

One case of plague was landed here from the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamship *Agrica* arriving here from the Persian Gulf April 14. The patient died April 16.

AUSTRALIA.

Examination of rodents for plague infection in Queensland—Plague infection found in rats at Mackay.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from the department of health of Queensland, under dates of March 20 and 27 and April 3 and 8:

Brisbane.—Week ended March 20. Rodents destroyed, 466; examined, 410; plague infected, 0. Week ended March 27. Rodents destroyed, 521; examined, 443; plague infected, 0. Week ended April 3. Rodents destroyed, 548; examined, 462; plague infected, 0. Week ended April 8. Rodents destroyed, 460; examined, 372; plague infected, 0.

Date of last plague-infected rat September 15, 1908.

Mackay.—Infected rats found: March 19, 8; March 23, 3.

Report from New Castle, New South Wales—Plague case imported from Sydney.

Consul Killmaster reports, April 16:

During the month of March, 1909, 1 case of bubonic plague was imported into the New Castle district from Sydney.

Plague in Sydney—Plague rats.

The following information is taken from the *Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes*, April 28:

During the period from March 6 to 12, 4 plague cases occurred in Sydney, of which 1 ended fatally. Three of the cases occurred among the crew of a steamship which arrived March 6 from the New Hebrides. The fourth case was in a resident of the city. Plague rats were found in the residence of the latter case and also in the port.